

Senate Resolution 1372

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Ralph Easterwood of Glen Haven Baptist Church
2 on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Ralph Easterwood joined Glen Haven Baptist Church with his family
4 when he was 12 years old in 1947, the church's first year, and was baptized the following
5 year; and

6 WHEREAS, he devoted his service to Glen Haven Baptist Church in various areas for many
7 years before he was selected as senior pastor in 1983, including service as leader of the youth
8 group, an ordained deacon, and associate pastor; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2002, Reverend Easterwood moved the church along with its 268 members
10 from Decatur to McDonough, and membership has increased to over 1,000 since the move
11 to Henry County; and

12 WHEREAS, this faithful man of God held annual Jubilee revival services for 27 years with
13 over 1,000 in attendance nightly to enjoy great singing and preaching of the Word; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Easterwood has established the faith promise mission program,
15 Remain Faithful So the Faithful May Remain, and other mission programs which have
16 annual support of over \$300,000 toward worldwide missions; and

17 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
18 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
19 humanitarian, Reverend Easterwood serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Easterwood is united in love and marriage to his wife, Gwen, who
21 has faithfully served the members of Glen Haven Baptist Church in the office for 40 years,

22 and they have been blessed with five children and several grandchildren and
23 great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
25 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
26 on behalf of persons in need.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize Reverend Ralph Easterwood's 43 years of outstanding fellowship and leadership
29 at Glen Haven Baptist Church and extend to him best wishes on a healthy and happy
30 retirement.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Ralph Easterwood.